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When I came here on April 2, 1889 we came in a covered wagon. Our first night, in Grant Co, we stopped first at Hudsons Hot Springs now called [Faywood Hot Springs?].

The next day we drifted to Warm Hot Springs at that time the home of a wealthy Spanish Rancher. We stopped at his water hole for the night.

The next morning my husband [( Tom Johnson )?], was watering the horses when we heard a large confusion. Tom said; "I'm going to the house to find out the trouble."

On going to the house the rancher said; "My daughter, my daughter, has been kidnapped by one of my cowboy's. My men are all Mexicans, and I can't trust them alone to go after her. I'll pay you, pay you well to go after her, and furnish your horse, saddle, food, gun, and your pick of men." Tom said, "Push them out here, I'm ready to go." Tom took the bucksin buckskin , horse and supplies furnished by the rancher, and chose two of his best men, and left in search of the girl.

As the ranchers orders were to bring the girl back regardless of the consequences to others Tom pushed his horse for two day's without thought to the horse.

Whenever Tom and his men overtook the men and girls he ordered them to "Halt". The cowboy with his companion opened fire on Mr. Johnson and his boys, using the girl as a shield. Tom scouted around to the orther side of the campfire and took the boys by

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surprise, and got the girl to take back to her parents. The men never were heard of again or never left their camp site.

Tom returned the girl to Warm Hot Springs as the rancher said he was to do, and he asked no questions.

The Spanish Rancher offered to pay Tom for the trip, but he wouldn't accept any pay, but when we left we found twenty dollar's in our supplies that we know he put there.

Informant: Mrs. Tom Johnson